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**By Fax (973-645-4549)**

Honorable Peter G. Sheridan  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
50 Walnut Street  
Newark, NJ 07101

**Re: U.S. v. Ram K. Mahbubani, No. 97-CR-673 (PGS)**

Dear Judge Sheridan:

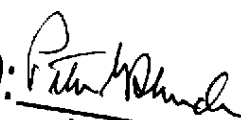
On October 24, 2008, before the Honorable Esther Salas, I appeared on behalf of defendant Ram K. Mahbubani and entered a limited appearance for purposes of Mr. Mahbubani's initial appearance and bail determination. With those matters resolved, Mr. Mahbubani has advised me that he intends to request court-appointed counsel for the duration of this case. Accordingly, I write at this time to formally withdraw as counsel of record for Mr. Mahbubani in this matter. I understand that Mr. Mahbubani is scheduled to be arraigned before Your Honor this Wednesday, November 12, 2008, and I anticipate that Mr. Mahbubani will submit a financial affidavit and request court-appointed counsel at that time.

I thank Your Honor for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Melinda Sarafa

cc: Rodney Villazor  
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SO ORDERED:   
DATED: 11/12/08